

# Hawai`i Commission on Fatherhood

The Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood was established by Act 156 in 2003 and is now attached to the Department of Human Services; Commissioners were appointed in December, 2004 and represent all counties, five state offices (DOE, DHS, DOH, OYS and AG), the university, and the community.



## 2005 SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Presented the first Parent-Friendly Business Awards at Hawai`i Children and Youth Month's annual Washington Place luncheon to First Hawaiian Bank & Keiki O Ka `Aina;
- Created a strategic plan to address four key issue areas: (1) Policies & Practices; (2) Information and Education; (3) Public Relations and Promotion; and (4) Events and Recognition;
- Developed a statewide organizational self-assessment to inventory the status of services to fathers in Hawai`i;
- Developed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Human Services to distribute \$50,000 in grants to community providers to support fatherhood activities for families receiving TANF funds;
- Presented on fatherhood issues at the Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and Celebration of Fatherhood conferences;
- Secured \$20,000 additional funds from K1 World Grand Prix to support general operations of the Commission; and
- Passed legislation extending the Commission through 2007 and moving it to the Department of Human Services.

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The Hawai`i Commission on Fatherhood seeks \$122,000 in the 2006 session to establish an office and staff to successfully accomplish its mission. This is consistent with other State Commissions.



## 2006 PLAN OF ACTION

- Create Fatherhood Services Directory and Best Practices Manual on how to work effectively with fathers;
- Establish a website with comprehensive resources for fathers and organizations that work with fathers;
- Develop state agency policy and legislative recommendations based on the analysis of data from the statewide self-assessment survey;
- Produce a statewide fatherhood conference in conjunction with Prevent Child Abuse Hawai`i;
- Initiate a father involvement public awareness media campaign;
- Present the second Parent-Friendly Business Awards at Hawai`i Children and Youth Month's annual Washington Place luncheon;
- Distribute \$45,000 in grants to community providers to support fatherhood activities for families receiving TANF funds; and
- Secure \$50,000 additional funds to support programs of the Commission.

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